

Creation Time 5 in the Season of Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 10, 2021

Prelude *James Yi*

Welcoming and Announcements *Erich Schulz*

*Flowers for the service are offered by John and Pat MacLeod
in memory of John's sister, Iris MacLeod.*

Lighting the Christ Candle *Nancy Walker*

In the dawn's cool glow,
in the bright of the day,
in the evening's painted sky,
in nighttime's starry dark...
the Christ Light shines, made bright by God's love for all!

Introit: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New (More Voices 115)

Margaret Bates and Blyth Hughes

Words and Music: John L. Bell, 1995

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Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way. *Repeat*

Call to Worship

We gather as people of God,
to sing, to pray, and to give thanks.
And with our songs,
with our prayers,
with our thanksgivings,
and with our lives,
we worship the One who is with us all our days.
We worship the One who lives in us, through us, and around us.
We worship the One who is life itself—God of all Creation!
Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

(Voices United 236, vs. 1 & 3)

- 1 Now thank we all our God, with heart,
and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Opening Prayer

Holy One,
as geese honk overhead,
as orange globes fill the pumpkin patch,
as the landscape is painted with reds and golds,
we are filled with gratitude.
We are thankful for the earth that is alive around us,
for families and friends that give us life,
for all that makes life good.
May we give our thanks freely, so all those around us may feel your
presence. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament): Psalm 126

Christian Scripture (New Testament): Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31

Special Music: This is My Father's World

Words: Maltbie Davenport Babcock 1901, alt.

Music: English traditional melody, adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard 1915

Arr. Bruce Greer

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Reflection: Thanks Living

Bill Cantelon

Prayer Introit: Spirit, Open My Heart (More Voices 79, Refrain)

Words: Ruth Duck, 1994

Music: traditional melody, Ireland; arr. Arthur G. Clyde, 1997

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Refrain Spirit, open my heart

to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love,

in receiving and in giving.

Spirit open my heart.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Closing Hymn: Called by Earth and Sky (More Voices 135, vs. 1 & 4)

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Refrain Called by earth and sky,

promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust,

treasure of life sanctified,

called by earth and sky.

1 Precious these waters,
endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing,
rivers of rain,
the wash of love again. *Refrain*

4 Precious the fire
that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion,
sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one. *Refrain*

Sending Forth

Go with hearts filled with hope!

For God, who has restored us in the past, will do so again.

Go with shouts of joy!

For God, who knows our tears, will not leave us comfortless.

Go with souls touched by grace!

For God, who knows our needs and daily cares, will provide us with
the blessings of life.

Postlude